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SUBJECT: VISIT FROM SOVIET DCM ANATOLI GROMYKO

1. THE NEWLY ARRIVED MINISTER AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO THE GDR, ANATOLI GROMYKO, PAID A COURTESY CALL ON DCM JANUARY 30.

2. GROMYKO'S PURPOSE, BEYOND COURTESY, WAS TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS ABOUT US/SOVIET RELATIONS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS RESTING ON A SOUND BASIS. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIET VIEW OF THESE RELATIONS WAS OBJECTIVE (I. E. BASED ON FACTS) AND NOT SUBJECTIVE (I.E. A FUNCTION OF PERSONALITIES). GROMYKO SAID THAT EVEN THE BEST OF RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES CANNOT BE LIKE A SMOOTH TRIP DOWN A HIGHWAY. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOME BUMPS. DCM ALLUDED TO THE TRADE BILL AS HAVING PROVIDED SUCH A BUMP AND GROMYKO RESPONDED THAT THIS BILL DID CONSTITUTE "AN UNFORTUNATE ACTION" ON THE PART OF THE U.S. CONGRESS." GROMYKO THEN SAID THAT OTHER
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THINGS HAD HAPPENED IN THE PAST MONTHS BEYOND THE

TRADE BILL, NOTABLY THE SUCCESSFUL MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV AT VLADIVOSTOK. THE "COMPROMISES" MADE THERE WERE SOUND AND A GOOD PERSONAL FEELING HAD BEEN CREATED BETWEEN THESE TWO LEADERS OF POWERFUL COUNTRIES.

3. GROMYKO SAID THAT HIS INTERESTS IN BERLIN WOULD CENTER UPON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND POLICIES. HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A HISTORIAN AND DIPLOMAT AND ADDED THAT THE INTERNAL CONDITIONS OF A COUNTRY WERE OF COURSE OF INTEREST TO DIPLOMATS AND HE WOULD BE KEEPING AN EYE ON THESE TOO.

4. GROMYKO CONCLUDED HIS VISIT BY TOASTING AMBASSADOR COOPER WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A GREAT AMERICAN STATEMAN. HE SAID HE WISHED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SUCCESS IN ITS ENDEAVORS.COOPER

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